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1. the arrival of 19-20 year old youths at the Sofia railroad station indicated an important call-up. Members of the Infantry, Artillery, Air, Border Guards and Interior Troops were present to receive the youths.

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2. approximately 100 of the young men were observed in the courtyard of the "cavalry barracks" at Sofia.

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3. recruits were receiving the rudiments of training in the Interior Troop camp at Gorublyane (N 42-37, E 23-24).

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4. about 20 youths were issued their military uniforms at Pancharevo.

5. It is probable that this call included at least a large part of the 1934 class. An important section of the 1933 class had been incorporated in late October 1952.

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6. numerous calling of reserves were effected at Samokov. Horses, horse-drawn wagons and guns were also requisitioned.

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7. a column of motorized artillery coming from Samokov and moving in the direction of Kostenets (N 42-15, E 23-50) passed through Borovets (sic).

8. Some reserves have been called up for a period of training in all the villages located between Samokov and Dupnitsa (now Stanke Dimitrov).

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9. the traffic control at the exit south of Dupnitsa was handled by military personnel.

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- 25X1 10. [] at Sofia and upon the road to Sofia at Dupnitsa, the traffic of military vehicles was greater than usual. Jeeps and staff cars containing officers and empty Molotov trucks were observed.
11. On the basis of the above information, it is assumed that a small vertical call-up was effected between Samokov and Dupnitsa. It is recalled that important call-ups were executed in October and November 1951 and 1952 in several areas in Bulgaria.

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